Opening of Additional Ticket Counters

1485. SHRI BALAI CHANDRA RAY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have planned to open additional ticket counters at Barddhaman South and North side to cope up with the rush of the railway passengers;

(b) if so, the time by which these counters are likely to be opened; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) At present 10 general counters including 5 Self Printing Ticketing Machines counters and one reservation counter are in operation at Barddhaman Station and approximately 24,772 tickets are issued daily from these counters. The existing counters are adequate to meet the present level of demand.

Door at Yatrik Restaurant at Howrah

1486. DR. ASIM BALA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to provide a door at Yatrik Restaurant, Howrah at the river-side for entrance to the restaurant;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. there is already one entrance/exit from the Hotel's Lobby. Provision of another door on the river side will spoil the interior decor of the Restaurant and affect the monitoring of customer services.

Running of Nagercoil Express

1487. SHRI A.G.S. RAM BABU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the difficulties being faced by the commuters travelling on Nagercoil-Mumbai route;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to run Nagercoil Express on daily basis; and

(c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be started on daily basis?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Some representations for the daily running of 6339/6340 Nagercoil-Mumbai Express have been received.

(b) There is no such proposal at present.

(c) Does not arise.

Beautification of Howrah Railway Station

1488. SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount sanctioned by the Government for beautification of Howrah Railway station during the last three years; year-wise and scheme-wise details thereof;

(b) the amount sanctioned and released during the current financial year;

(c) whether cleaning of railway lines, platforms, replacement of overhead sheds, seating arrangements at platforms, lighting at platforms, passenger amenities are part of beautification project; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not replacing/repairing overhead sheds, cleaning of railway lines, platforms properly?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (d) Railways undertake works of developmental nature required to meet with the traffic handled. In addition to such works stations are kept in well maintained condition by way of periodical repairs, replacements wherever so warranted. Regular cleaning and periodical colour washing are also undertaken.

Howrah railway station being one of the important stations on Indian Railways is kept in well maintained and upto date condition. No separate amount has been sanctioned for beautification. All amenities commensurate with the volume of passenger traffic is already provided at the station. Cleaning of railway lines and platforms are being done regularly. All platforms have been provided with sheds except platform No. 15 for which work has already been sanctioned. Passenger amenity items, electrical fittings, fans and lights are also in working condition.

Gold Deposits in Orissa

1489. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS :
SHRI MURALIDHAR JENA :

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a satellite survey has revealed huge gold deposits in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Geological Survey of India has recently discovered Gold deposit in Malkanagiri district in Orissa;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the export potential of the Gold?